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Subject: July 29 Board Meeting - As-Needed Environmental Services Contract

At the Board's July 29, 2008 meeting, we will be requesting the Board to authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or his designee, to enter into a consultant services agreement with two consulting companies to provide environmental services such as environmental documentation, permit applications, cultural resources surveys and reports, biological surveys and reports, biological and water quality monitoring and reports, and mitigation plans. Each agreement will be for a three-year period for a not-to-exceed fee of \$2,000,000 and an option to extend each agreement for an additional two years for a maximum not-to-exceed fee of \$1,500,000, for a maximum aggregate not- to-exceed fee of \$3,500,000. The project will be funded using Flood Control District funds.

We will also request that the Board find the agreement exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Approval of the recommended actions does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

The purpose of the As-Needed Agreements is to perform environmental services for flood protection and water conservation projects in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The purpose of the work is to assess and minimize the environmental impacts of flood protection and water conservation projects and comply with local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations and permit conditions. Examples of Federal requirements include but are not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Examples of State requirements include but are not limited to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Porter Cologne Act, and the Fish and Game Code.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding these agreements. Thank you.

Chris Stone